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Warsaw, Nov. 10. N. S.

ON the 31st of the last Month, arrived here one of the Syndics or Secretaries of the Town of Elbing, being sent by the Magistrates of that Place, to represent to the King of Poland their present Condition, and to desire his Directions thereupon; but the King not being here, and the Business he came about requiring such speedy dispatch, that it could not admit of a Delay till he might wait upon the King at Lemberg, he applied himself to the Crown-Marshal, who immediately called together the Senators that were in Town; and having considered of his Message, they dispatched him back the next day. This Week the Crown Marshal received a Letter from the King, dated at Lemberg the 29th of October, directed to the Senate, in which he acquaints them, That he looked upon the Elector of Brandenburgh's Enterprize upon the Town of Elbing to be of so great Consequence, that he would repair hither before he began his Journey to Lithuania, how pressing soever the Affairs of that Province might be, to advise with them what was fit to be done in this Juncture; in order to which, he desires them to meet here on the 12th instant: And accordingly the King set out from Lemberg the 31st of the last Month, and arrived here yesterday. The Elector of Brandenburgh's Resident has desired an Audience, and 'tis appointed for this afternoon. The King intends on the 19th instant to begin his Journey to Lithuania; and 'tis said he will summon a General Diet to meet here on the 20th of January, and that Circular Letters are ordered to be issued out for this purpose.

Elbing, Novemb. 11. General Brandt, who Commands the Elector of Brandenburgh's Forces that are encamped before this City, having received his Artillery, immediately placed the same on the Batteries, which were already prepared, one of which was of 35 Pieces of Cannon, and 11 Mortars, over-against the Gate called the Market-Gate, and all things being made ready for Bombarding and Battering the Town, he summoned the Magistrates yesterday to send Deputies to him; which being done, he shewed them what Preparations he had made, and advised them to prevent the Ruin of their City, by a speedy Compliance with the Elector's Demands. The Deputies being returned, and having made their Report, the Magistrates (who had received a Letter from the Cardinal-Primate, advising them not to let things come to the last extremity, but to get the best Terms they could, seeing they could not flatter themselves with the hopes of being timely relieved from Poland) at last agreed upon several Articles; the chief of which are, That they should receive into their City a Garison of 1200 Men of the Elector of Brandenburgh's Forces, who are to have the Guard of all the Principal Posts; That some Posts of less Importance shall remain in the hands of the Burghers, and be guarded by the City-Militia; That all things in the City shall continue in the same Condition they were in at the Signing these Articles; That the Magistrates and Burghers shall not be obliged to swear Allegiance to the Elector; and, That the City shall continue to make a Part of the Republick of Poland, and as such to send Deputies to the Diet of that Kingdom; and pursuant to this Capitulation, the Brandenburghers took possession of the Town this afternoon.

Vienna, Novemb. 12. A Treaty is concluded for the Marriage of the King of the Romans with the Princess of Hanouer, which will be Celebrated here in January or February next; and in the mean time great Preparaions are making for her Reception and for the Wedding. Letters from Carlowitz of the 4th instant, say, the Conferences between the Ambassadors from the several Princes for Treating a Peace, were not yet begun, their Time having been taken up in making the usual Visits. The Mediators have made several Regulations to be observed during the Congress, one of which is, That the Servants of the Ambassadors from the Emperor and his Allies, shall not come to the Quarters of the Mediators or the Turkish Ministers, without leave in Writing from their several Masters; The occasion of which was, that such numbers of them crowded thither out of Curiosity, as caused great Inconveniency to the Ambassadors. These Regulations were by the Mediators presented to the several Ministers, who consented thereto.

Berlin, Novemb. 18. The 14th Instant, being the King of England's Birth-Day, the Elector of Brandenbourg did Mr. Stepney (his Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary) the Honour to dine with him, being accompanied by the Electoral Prince, the three Margraves, the foreign Ministers, and most of the Persons of Quality of the Court. His Electoral Highness came to the Envoy's House with great Pomp and Solemnity, being himself in a very rich Coach never made use of before, drawn by 8 Horses, the Reins being all of Gold Twist, and the Harness covered with Gold Galloon; 24 Footmen went before in very rich Liveries, and the Suiss-Guards followed, the deep Mourning which the Court is in for the late Elector of Hanour, Father to the Electoress being put off on this occasion. The Gentlemen that attended the Elector, were very rich, and walking on foot from the Place, made a very splendid Procession. There were three Tables prepared, and each thrice served. The Elector began the King of England's Health standing, and the like was done by all the Company, Drums beating and Trumpets sounding all the while. After Dinner, his Electoral Highness and the Electoral Prince returned to the Palace. About 6 in the Evening the Electoress, the Princesses and the Ladies of the Court came to the Envoy's House, where they were entertained at Supper with the Margraves, and other Persons of Principal Quality, and afterwards with a Ball; the whole being performed with great Order and Splendor, and to the extraordinary Satisfaction of their Electoral Highnesses and all the Court. In the Evening arrived an Express from General Brandt, with advice, That on the 10th of this Month, all the Batteries before the Town of Elbing being ready, and the General having once more summoned the Magistrates to receive a Garison of the Elector's Forces, they had at last resolved to submit, and accordingly on the 11th opening their Gates, the General marched into the Town with 3 Battalions